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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF LAO COMMERICAL FLIGHTS TO
BANGKOK

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1. ACCORDING TO AMCIT LARKE GOLASKI, WHO WORKS WITH
LAO AVAIATION, THAI AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVE TOLD HER
THAT HE WAS SENT FROM BANGKOK TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY
TALKS WITH LAO AVIATION BEFORE GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS
ARE HELD TO DISCUSS RESUMPTION OF LAO COMMERICAL
FLIGHTS TO BANGKOK. THAI EMBASSY THIRD SECRETARY
SUNAI BUNYASIRIPHANT SEPARATELY TOLD EMBOFF THAT THAI
AIRWAYS AND LAO AVIATION REPS HELD THE DAY AND A HALF
DISCUSSIONS DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY.

2. THAI AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVE TOLD GOLASKI THAT THE
LAO WANT TO CUT THE FOUR WEEKLY BANGKOK/VIENTIANE THAI
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AIRWAYS FLIGHTS TO TWO AND TO REPLACE THE TWO CUT WITH TWO
WEEKLY LAO AVIATION FLIGHTS. THAI REPRESENTATIVES SAID
THAT THIS DEMAND WAS MADE BY SUBORDINATE OFFICIALS OF LAO
AVIATION ONLY AFTER MANY HOURS OF VITRIOLIC LECTURING
ON THE EVILS OF CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM.
THAI REPRESENTATIVE ADDED THAT LAO AVIATION DIRECTOR
PHOUNE KHAMBOUNHEUANG REFUSED TO MEET WITH HIM.

3. SUNAI TOLD EMBOFF THAT ONE KINK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS LAO AVIATION'S REFUSAL TO ASSUME ROYAL AIR LAO'S (RAL) ONE MILLION (\$50,000) DEBT TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD ASSUMED RAL'S ASSETS IN FORM OF PLANES, ETC.

4. COMMENT: OF THE FEW TRAINED LAO PILOTS STILL EMPLOYED BY LAO AVIATION, FEWER STILL COULD BE TRUSTED TO FLY TO BANGKOK WITHOUT SEEKING REFUGE.
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